

marriage to the late Ed Dembowski, her three children, Michael, Rebecca and Patrick and her eight grandchildren.

It is with great pride and honor that I rise on behalf of the citizens of Indiana to salute not only State Representative Nancy Dembowski's personal achievements and her contributions to our community, but also the generosity, courage and spirit that made her a remarkable public servant and a dear friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANDREA  
GORMAN

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2012*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Andrea Gorman for her tireless advocacy for Social Security. Ms. Gorman is a long-time constituent of mine and a leader within the Local 1584 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in the East Bay. She has triumphed over adversity, and her story is a compelling reason to protect Social Security.

As a child in the 1940s, Andrea suffered the loss of her father; her mother unable to financially care for her eight children was forced to surrender Andrea and her siblings to an orphanage and foster homes. Fortunately a safety net was there and Andrea's family qualified for Social Security survivor benefits, which would reunite her with her siblings and their mother. Her first encounter with Social Security saved her family; her second, her home.

Forty-five years later, after fighting for her right to work among the men in the male dominated machinist industry, Ms. Gorman was injured on the job and unable to work. She required Social Security disability benefits in order to survive and keep a roof over her head. Once again Andrea was grateful to a social program she calls "her guardian angel".

Now retired, Andrea continues to advocate for the protection of Social Security and she is a trustee for Local 1584. Andrea's life is a leading example of why Social Security is one of our nation's most vital safety net programs and why we must protect it.

I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing a woman who has overcome adversity and life's struggles through determination, bravery, and hard work. I urge my colleagues to take Andrea's story to heart and work to protect Social Security for future generations.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL  
FALESE

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2012*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to congratulate Bartlett Fire Protection District Chief Michael Falese on being named the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association's "Chief of the Year."

Chief Falese began his career of service and commitment to the community with the Elgin Fire Department in 1983, where he rose

to the rank of Fire Chief, and remained until 2007. In 2010, Falese became a Fire Chief at Bartlett Fire Protection District.

For the past two years, Falese has served as one of the Illinois fire service representatives sent to Washington D.C. to discuss Illinois fire service issues with elected officials. He has also served as a member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) Board of Directors for the last two years and will become IFCA's President this coming October. In a large scale train derailment that took place last November, which involved more than 30 local, state, and federal agencies, Falese exhibited strong leadership as in command of the response.

Falese continues to devote his time to the community. He is currently President-elect of the Bartlett Rotary Club. He has made sure that the Fire District is represented at every U.S. troop homecoming in Bartlett. He is an esteemed partner to the Village of Bartlett, DuPage County, and Hanover and Wayne Townships.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing Chief Michael Falese for this highly-respected distinction.

HONORING DOROTHY BERTUCCI

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2012*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Bertucci, a leading citizen of Petaluma, CA, who passed away February 23, 2012. She died peacefully at home at the age of 93 after a lifetime in her hometown where she was best known for her promotion of libraries and her kind spirit.

Dorothy was born in Petaluma, at home. Her parents, the prominent Mattei family, owned a men's clothing store downtown, not far from the house. She attended St. Vincent de Paul High school and graduated from UC Berkeley (Cal) in 1941. With a degree in library science and history, she then worked in the libraries at both Cal and UCLA.

Later at Cal, she also met her husband Andy Bertucci. In 1949, the two went to a Cal game on a blind date, married in 1950, and enjoyed a 49-year marriage. Andy worked in the family clothing store, and the couple raised their four children in Petaluma. After Andy's retirement in 1977, the two traveled together frequently and enjoyed many games of golf till Andy's death in 1999.

Dorothy was active in the City, including its political campaigns, but libraries were her true mission. She knew libraries represented the heart of the community, a place where everyone had access to information and a gateway into the magic of reading. She was a librarian and a member of the Library Board of Trustees in Petaluma as well as serving on the Sonoma County Library Commission and the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (including a stint as President).

Straightforward, dedicated, and optimistic, she was the ideal person to help in the campaign for a bond measure for a new library in Petaluma. It passed in 1976 on the fourth try, with Dorothy championing the effort all the way. In 1974, she was honored as Petaluma's Citizen of the Year for her involvement.

Dorothy is survived by her four children John, Paul, Tom, and Ann and their partners as well as three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, citizens like Dorothy Bertucci remind us what caring people can accomplish for their communities. Please join me in honoring her life and accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DOUG  
SUTHERLAND

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2012*

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and accomplishments of Mr. Doug Sutherland, an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin—Superior.

Doug is one of the most accomplished athletes in the history of the school and was recently named to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) All-Time Team in football. He has also been chosen recently as a member of the inaugural class of the WIAC Hall of Fame.

In 1970, Doug was chosen in the 14th round of the NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints. He went on to have a 13-year career with the Saints, the Minnesota Vikings and the Seattle Seahawks. He appeared in three Super Bowls with the Vikings and, in 2010, was named one of the 50 greatest Vikings.

In addition to distinguishing himself on the football field, Doug was a six-time conference champion in track and field throwing events and participated in three National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics meets.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to help recognize Doug's incredible athletic record and ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him on his accomplishments.

OUR HERITAGE FORESTS: AN  
AMERICAN LEGACY

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2012*

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following article, which is authored by my friend Jason Hartke, and discusses the important role of our nation's Roadless Areas. Roadless Areas protect 58.5 million acres of pristine wild forests and provide clean drinking water to over 60 million Americans.

OUR HERITAGE FORESTS: AN AMERICAN  
LEGACY

(By Jason Hartke)

"If there is one thing that should unite us as a country across generations, parties, an time, it is love of the land." President Clinton made this remark at the National Arboretum on January 5, 2001, where he announced the Roadless Area Conservation Rule which protected the last, best wild lands in the nation. This initiative encompassed 58.5 million acres of forests in 39 states. Combining this accomplishment with the 22 National Monuments that he designated and protected, President Clinton left office having saved more land in the contiguous United States than any administration since Theodore Roosevelt.